

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 23, 2010

SWAC Members

Steve Sprague, Chair	Odell Hall	Kurt Osuch
Sara Ducey	Paula Jenson	Craig Simoneau
Susan Filocco	Lee Levine	Ed Violette
Steve Findley	Marcia Marks	

Absent:

County Staff

Guests

Angela Jordan, DSWs
Eileen Kao, DSWs
Alan Pultyniewicz, DSWs

Peter James, resident

The regular meeting of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) was called to order by the Chair at 7:30 p.m. on February 23, 2010, at the Executive Office Building in the Lobby Level Auditorium.

Mr. Glazer, the SWAC Chair, resigned from the committee. Mr. Sprague, the Vice Chair, succeeded him as the Chair of SWAC.

Mr. Osuch recommended a letter of thanks to be sent to the former Chair. An appreciation certificate will be sent.

The Chair welcomed everyone at the meeting, and introductions were made.

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting Minutes – The minutes of the November, 2009 and the January 5, 2010 meetings were approved, with one objection.

Subcommittee/Ad Hoc Group Reports – Mr. Violette reported that DAFIG met on January 26, 2010 to discuss deer management. DAFIG met with the group who will be overseeing the management of the deer population. Agricultural waivers will allow the harvesting of deer outside hunting season.

The environmental report revealed normal numbers with no high lead or mercury counts in the ground water. The review of the 10-year plan will be underway soon.

CE Meeting - The meeting with the CE was postponed to March 8, 2010. Talking points were previously submitted to CE's office. Ms. Ducey, Mr. Osuch, and Mr. Sprague will be in attendance.

MAJOR PROGRAM TOPIC

Ms. Kao and Mr. Pultyniewicz, of the Waste Reduction and Recycling Section of DSWS briefed members on the Recycling Public Education/Outreach and Yard Trim Reduction Programs.

- **Recycling Outreach/Education Program** - The Recycling Section staffed over 300 outreach and educational events in FY09. The program provides recycling education across all sectors including single-family residents, multi-family properties and businesses.
 - Direct mail, cable television, and radio campaigns are some of the methods used to reach County residents to keep them up to date with improvements and modifications made to the recycling and waste reduction programs.
 - Earth Day, Recycling Awareness Week, and the County Fair are some of the annual events that the Recycling Section manages.
- **Goals and Outcomes of Waste Reduction of Yard Trim Materials Program** - The main goal is to increase awareness of residents, multi-family properties and businesses and promote grasscycling and backyard/on-site composting.
 - Grasscycling/Composting materials and information will continue to be provided to the public.
 - Continuing efforts to increase the number of compost bins distributed.
 - Decreased tonnage of yard trim materials processed at the Dickerson Composting Facility. DSWS will reach out to landscapers and lawn care product distributors to help promote reduction of yard trim materials.
 - Continue collaborating with businesses to host composting and grasscycling workshops and training events.
- **Achievements** - DSWS continues to receive positive feedback on their programs, mailers, and educational workshops.
 - DSWS reached an audience of over 36,000 people in FY09 during outreach events.
 - The County's overall FY09 recycling rate is 44.2 percent. The commercial sector, which produces more than half (51.9%) of the County's waste has a recycling rate of 40.1 percent.
 - Continue efforts to educate the public on the expanded recycling programs – plastic tubs & lids, wide mouth plastic bottles, buckets, flower pots, non-hazardous aerosol cans, and coated paper items.

NEW BUSINESS

A copy of Article III of Chapter 48 was distributed to the membership. The Chair encouraged everyone to take the copy home and review it for discussion at a future meeting.

Special Election – With Mr. Sprague becoming Chair, an election was held to nominate a new Vice Chair.

Paula Jenson and Kurt Osuch accepted nominations for Vice Chair. Ms. Jenson won the nomination.

SWAC Nomination Process - The Chair summarized the process of nominating new potential board members. He explained that the names of applicants, quantity of vacant seats, and other detailed information is confidential. Board members are not to be involved in the process.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Peter James made comments regarding methane gas and the idea of making fertilizer out of the gas. He would like to see “guerrilla marketing” used by the County. Mr. James sees value in solid waste. He would like the public to have access to the waste dropped off at the Transfer Station for re-use, even though it is against County law. His contact information was taken, so he can speak with a DSWS staff person to address his questions.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

ACRONYMS

CE	County Executive
DAFIG	Dickerson Area Facilities Implementation Group
DSWS	Division of Solid Waste Services
FY	Fiscal Year
SWAC	Solid Waste Advisory Committee

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE													
2010 ATTENDANCE													
	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	Absences In Last
	A	E	A	P	A	U	U	U	E	C	O	E	

	N	B	R	R	Y	N	L	G	P	T	V	C	12 Months	
Ducey, Sara	X	X												Mar '09 dropped off
Findley, Steve	X	X											-1	
Filocco, Susan	X	X											-1	Mar '09 dropped off
Glazer, Mark	X												-2	RESIGNED
Hall, Odell	X	X												
Jenson, Paula	X	X												
Levine, Lee	X	X											-1	
Marks, Marcia	X	X												
Osuch, Kurt	X	X											-1	
Simoneau, Craig	X	X											-1	
Sprague, Steve	X	X											-1	
Violette, Ed	X	X												

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2009 ATTENDANCE

	J A N	F E B	M A R	A P R	M A Y	J U N	J U L	A U G	S E P	O C T	N O V	D E C	Absences In Last 12 Months	
Alexander, Leslie		X			X								-2	RESIGNED
Ducey, Sara					X	X			X	X	X		-1	
Findley, Steve	X	X	X			X			X	X	X		-1	
Filocco, Susan					X				X	X	X		-2	
Frank, David	X	X	X		X	X			X	X	X			TERM EXPIRED
Glazer, Mark	X	X	X		X	X			X		X		-1	
Hall, Odell		X				X					X			WAIVER GRANTED 11/09
Harrington, Marcia	X	X	X		X	X				X	X		-1	TERM EXPIRED
Jenson, Paula		X	X		X	X			X	X	X		-1	
Lee, Ed	X	X	X			X				X			-2	RESIGNED 11/09
Levine, Lee	X	X	X			X			X	X	X		-1	
Marks, Marcia	X	X	X		X	X			X	X	X			
Osuch, Kurt			X		X				X	X	X		-1	
Simoneau, Craig	X	X	X			X			X	X	X		-1	
Sprague, Steve	X	X	X		X	X			X	X			-1	
Violette, Ed	X	X	X		X	X			X	X	X			

March 2009-February 2010